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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicant : Lutz Richter et al.  
Applic. No. : 09/852,348  
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Operating the Gathering Stapler  
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